

[English]

Siberian Cranes

1711. SHRI V. PRADEEP DEV : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of wild Siberian Cranes which flew this year from Siberia to Keoladeo National Park at Bharatpur, Rajasthan;

(b) whether the experiment of fixing satellites in their wings to avoid their killing on the way has been successful; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) Three Siberian cranes arrived in Keoladeo National Park at Bharatpur, Rajasthan in November, 1996.

(b) No, Sir. Attempts to trap one of the birds for fixing the Platform Terminal Transmitter (PTT) did not succeed.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Stocks of Wheat and Rice

1712. SHRI SURENDRA YADAV :
SHRI NITISH KUMAR :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India had sold wheat and rice in the open market to reduce huge stocks of foodgrains and control prices of foodgrains in the open market;

(b) if so, the quantity of wheat and rice which remained in the godowns during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(c) the quantity of wheat and rice sold during each of said years; and

(d) the maximum and minimum prices thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) FCI was allowed to make open sale of wheat and rice on the following important grounds :

- (i) to release much needed storage space for fresh procurement;
- (ii) to reduce the carrying cost of stocks with FCI;
- (iii) to exercise, as a measure of market intervention, a sobering effect on the open market prices;

(iv) to reduce, to some extent, the burden on food subsidy.

(b) The stock position of wheat and rice in Central Pool keeps on varying on day to day basis. However, the stock position at the close of the last three Financial Years is as under :—

Figures in Lakh Tonnes
(Provisional)

Year	Wheat	Rice	Total
31.3.94	69.98	135.46	205.44
31.3.95	87.20	180.82	268.02
31.3.96	81.70	139.72	221.42

(c) The following quantity of wheat and rice were sold under Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) during the year 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 (Audited figures):—

(Figs. in Lakh MT)

Year	Wheat	Rice
1993-94	28.70	0.90
1994-95	51.90	4.90
1995-96	65.10	19.70

(d) The following are the maximum and minimum prices during the said periods in Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic):—

(Rate Rs. per M.T.)

Year	Wheat		Rice	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
1993-94	3850	4800	6600	7100
1994-95	4100	4700	6500	7250
1995-96	4100	4700	6600	7350

[English]

Decline in Sugar Production

1713. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :
SHRI I.D. SWAMI :
SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA :
SHRI MANGAL RAM PREMI :
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the sugar production declined by 43% in the second month of the current season;

(b) if so, the extent of fall in production of sugar and the reasons therefor;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the impact of this decline on the sugar export particularly in the context of unattractive international prices of sugar ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (c) The sugar production during the second month of current 1996-97 season *i.e.* November, 1996 was 6.79 lakh tonnes as against 11.59 lakh tonnes in the month of November, 1995 representing a fall of 41.4%. The reason for the shortfall can be attributed to delayed commencement of crushing operations for the season 1996-97 on account of prolonged crushing in 1995-96 sugar season.

(d) The fall in production of that particular month would not have any impact on export in view of the fact that production picked up in subsequent months and that the current season had started with high level of carry over stocks.

Bangladeshi Culprits

1714. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Delhi Police has arrested some

Bangladeshis involved in the cases of murder, decoities, etc. during 1996 and 1997 totdate;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of cases registered against Bangladeshis in Delhi and in the neighbouring States for various offences; and

(c) the action taken against the illegal infiltrators and to deport them to their home country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) The Crime Branch of Delhi Police arrested 58 illegal immigrants from Bangladesh in connection with 53 cases of decoity, etc. as per details given in the attached statement, during 1996 and 1997 (upto 25.2.97). None of these cases involved murder.

Law and order being a State subject, the State Governments handle the matters relating to involvement of illegal immigrants in anti-social activities in their respective jurisdiction.

(c) While identification/deportation of illegal immigration is a continuing process, the Government have taken several measures for prevention/detection of illegal migration from Bangladesh. These include, *inter alia*, construction of network of roads/fencing along the Indo-Bangladesh Border, intensification of riverine patrolling by the Border Security Force and strengthening of Foreigners (PIF) and Mobile Task Force (MTF) schemes.

Statement

Year	Murder	Dacoity	Forgery	Theft	Arms Act	Foreigners Act	Kidnaping	Robbery	Attempt to Murder	Careless Driving	Total
1996	—	2	5	34	3	2	1	1	1	1	50
1997 (upto 25.2.97)	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Total	—	2	7	35	3	2	1	1	1	1	53

Horticulture Development Plan for Karnataka

1715. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Karnataka Government had sent any integrated Horticulture Development Plan;

(b) if so, the amount sought by the State Government for the purpose;

(c) the amount released so far for the implementation of the said plan; and

(d) the places where the plan is already under implementation ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Poaching of Animals

1716. SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: